AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An adjustable shock absorber comprising:

a pressure tube defining a working chamber;

a piston rod extending through said pressure tube and into said working chamber;

a piston slidably disposed within said pressure tube and connected to said piston rod, said piston defining a plurality of compression fluid passages and a plurality of rebound fluid passages, said piston dividing said working chamber into an upper working chamber and a lower working chamber;

a compression valve attached to said piston, said compression valve allowing fluid flow from said lower working chamber to said upper working chamber when a first fluid pressure is exerted on said compression valve;

a rebound valve attached to said piston, said rebound valve allowing fluid flow from said upper working chamber to said lower working chamber when a second fluid pressure is exerted on said rebound valve, the second fluid pressure being greater than the first fluid pressure;

a reserve tube surrounding said pressure tube, said reserve tube defining a reserve chamber;

a single valve assembly separate from said piston in direct communication with said upper and lower working chambers and said reserve chamber, said single valve assembly defining a first flow path which includes a first variable orifice for

controlling flow from said upper working chamber to said reserve chamber and a second flow path which includes a second variable orifice for controlling flow from said lower working chamber to said reserve chamber;

said first flow path being the only ~~direct~~ flow path extending between said upper working chamber and said reserve chamber.

2. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 1 wherein, said single valve assembly includes a solenoid valve having means for controlling said first variable orifice.

3. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 2 wherein, said means for controlling said first variable orifice includes a spool valve.

4. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 2 wherein, said solenoid valve includes means for controlling said second variable orifice.

5. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 4 wherein, said means for controlling said first and second orifices include a spool valve.

6. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 1 wherein, said single valve assembly includes a first poppet valve in communication with said upper working chamber.

7. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 6 wherein, said single valve assembly includes a second poppet valve in communication with said lower working chamber.

8. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 6 wherein, said first poppet valve is in communication with said reserve chamber.

9. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 6 wherein, said single valve assembly includes a solenoid valve having means for controlling said first variable orifice.

10. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 9 wherein, said means for controlling said first variable orifice includes a spool valve.

11. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 8 further comprising a base valve assembly disposed between said lower working chamber and said reserve chamber, said base valve assembly controlling fluid flow from said reserve chamber to said lower working chamber, said base valve assembly prohibiting all fluid flow from said lower working chamber to said reserve chamber.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 21 wherein, said first poppet valve is in communication with said lower working chamber and said blowoff valve is in communication with said upper working chamber.

14. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 21 wherein, said first poppet valve is in communication with said reserve chamber.

15. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 21 wherein, said single valve assembly includes a solenoid valve having means for controlling said first variable orifice.

16. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 15 wherein, said means for controlling said first variable orifice includes a spool valve.

17. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 14 wherein, a base valve assembly disposed between said lower working chamber and said reserve chamber, said base valve assembly controlling fluid flow from said reserve chamber to said lower working chamber, said base valve assembly prohibiting all fluid flow from said lower working chamber to said reserve chamber.

18. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 1 wherein, said first variable orifice is in communication with said lower working chamber.

19. (original) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 18 wherein, said second variable orifice is in communication with said upper working chamber.

20. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 1 wherein, said first and second variable orifices are in communication with said reserve chamber.

21. (previously presented) The adjustable shock absorber according to Claim 6 wherein, said rebound valve is a blowoff valve.